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on one side of the terminal unit holder and adapted to resiliently clip a belt worn by a user between first and second clamp arms of the clamp, thereby allowing the belt clip device to be mounted to the belt; and connecting means for rotatably connecting the clamp to the terminal unit holder such that the terminal unit holder is rotatable in a plane extending substantially perpendicular to a front surface of the clamp. Independent claim 11 recites a belt clip device for a mobile communication terminal unit comprising a terminal unit holder configured to hold a terminal unit; a clamp provided adjacent to the terminal unit holder and configured to resiliently clip a belt worn by a user, between first and second clamp arms of the clamp; and a connecting device configured to rotatably connect the clamp to the terminal unit holder such that the terminal unit holder is rotatable in a plane extending substantially perpendicular to a front surface of the clamp. Soren does not disclose or suggest such features.

In contrast, Soren discloses a pager mounting clip. The clip assembly includes clip 102, with a transparent portion 106 and a swiveling means 104, which allows a portion of the clip 102 to be rotated 180°. The clip is rotatably attached directly to a pager by a hinging means 108. See col. 2, lines 39-40 and col. 3, lines 5-8 of Soren. Thus, Soren does not disclose or suggest a terminal unit holder for receiving and holding a mobile communication terminal unit, and thus further does not disclose or suggest a clamp provided on one side of the terminal unit holder and connecting means for rotatably connecting the clamp to the terminal unit holder, with respect to independent claim 1. With respect to independent claim 11, Soren does not disclose or suggest the terminal unit holder configured to hold a mobile communication terminal unit, and thus, further does not disclose or suggest a clamp provided adjacent to the terminal unit

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holder and a connecting device configured to rotatably connect the clamp to the terminal unit holder.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1 and 11 over Soren should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-7 and 12-18, as well as previously indicated allowable dependent claims 8-10 and 19-21, are allowable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 11, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Carol L. Druzbeck, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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